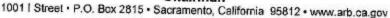


Air Resources Board

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D. Chairman





September 20, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

In a letter dated June 26, 2002, the Air Resources Board (ARB) sent you a survey of automotive coatings. In that letter, we requested your response to the survey by September 30, 2002. Recently, the National Paint and Coatings Association requested additional time for its members to complete the survey. In response to this request, we are granting up to 60 additional days for all survey respondents to complete the survey. Therefore, your completed survey is now due on or before November 30, 2002. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, in writing or via email to <code>igomez@arb.ca.gov</code>, and indicate when you anticipate submitting your completed survey.

Your participation in this survey of automotive coatings is very important. The ARB has not conducted a comprehensive automotive coatings survey since 1988. This information is important to improve California's emissions inventory, to assess advances in coatings technology, and to ensure that the automotive refinish coatings industry receives credit for emission reductions already achieved. The information from this survey may also be used to evaluate the feasibility of developing mass-based or reactivity-based control strategies for automotive refinish coatings.

Additional information and copies of the survey are available on our web site at www.arb.ca.gov/coatings/autorefin/autorefin.htm. Thank you for your participation in the survey. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Mr. Jose Gomez, Manager, Technical Development Section at 916-324-8033 (jgomez@arb.ca.gov) or Mr. Dave Mehl, at 916-324-8177 (dmehl@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely.

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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